GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRIBAL COOPERATIVE SOCITIES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tribal Cooperative Societies have been established in various states;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise, particularly in Orissa;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to strengthen these societies; and

(d) if so, the central assistance extended during the last three years and proposed to be extended during the current financial year to activate these Tribal Cooperative Societies in Orissa and other States?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b) The following States have established State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations, which are registered societies in the respective States:

Sl.No.	State	Name of the Corporation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Girijan Cooperative Corporation (GCC)
2.	Gujarat	Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd.
3.	Manipur	Manipur Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.
4.	Rjasthan	Rajasthan Tribal Area Development Cooperative Fed. Ltd.
5.	Jharkhand	Jharkhand State Tribal Development Cooperative Corp. Ltd.
6.	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh Laghu Vanupaj, Vyapar Avem Vikas Sehkari Sangh
7	Maharashtra	Maharashtra State Tribal Development Cooperative Corp. Ltd.
8.	Tripura	Tripura Apex Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd.
9.	Kerala	Kerala State Cooperative Marketing Fed. Ltd.
10.	Orissa	Tribal Development Cooperative Corp. of Orissa Ltd.
11.	Meghalaya	Meghalaya State Cooperative Marketing & Consumer Fed. Ltd. (MECOFED)
12	West Bengal	West Bengal Tribal Development Cooperative Corp. Ltd.

(c) & (d). These Corporations are provided funds under the Central Sector Scheme ofGrant in aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporationsmainly for procurementof Minor Forest Produce (MFP). Central Govt. also provides grants for strengthening the share capital of these Corporations for MFP operations. State wise allocation is notdone under the scheme, which is need based. The budgetary allocation under the scheme for the current financial year, i.e. 2003-04, is Rs. 18.00 crores. Funds released to these Corporations, through their respective States during the last three years are given at Annexure-I.